

St. Peter Church, Ladies Sodality
Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Mary's Way of the Cross.

March 9. Friday evening Ladies Sodality hosted Mary's Way of the Cross. Many thanks to Jane Stratman, narrator, and Myra Roskopf-Wolfe, cantor.

May Crowning.

May Crowning was held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Special thanks to Mary Rehagen, cantor and prayer leader; and Alice Kuehn, organist. Ashley Eskens, a junior at Helias Catholic High School, processed in to crown the Blessed Mother. Fresh flowers were presented to Mary. Songs and prayers were sung and recited in honor of Mary, our Mother, and Patron of Ladies Sodality.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

Special guests were Ashley Eskens and her mother Peggy. Ashley is active in Helias track, float committee, stage crew, archery. A busy month – Ashley was confirmed last Monday, and she is studying for finals.

At last year's May meeting Ashley and her sister Emily (who is a senior this year) talked about attending NCYC in 2015. They attended NCYC again in November 2017. Ashley talked about memorable experiences there!

Father Simeon. His Recent Trip Home.

It is always interesting to hear Father Simeon talk about his family and homeland! He visited in March, which happens to be a lower-plane-fare-rate month. It had been 10 months since he had last seen his family. His grandfather, who is almost 100 years old, is very ill, and Father Simeon was honored to anoint him.

It was a long 7 hour flight, with lots of lay-overs. Columbia, Missouri, to Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany; to Nigeria. 5 hour wait; a 1 hour layover, which he almost missed the connecting flight because Father did not know which gate number; and then 6 hours on roads filled with potholes to drive home.

Father Simeon is the 1st of 5 children. His mom was a school teacher. His dad worked for the government. His parents are now empty-nesters. His brothers and sisters are married and now live miles away. All his brothers and sisters (except 1) came to the main family home to visit.

His ancestral home is 25 miles from his parents' current home. There is so much poverty and suffering. Father sends home about half of his salary. He sponsors 5 disadvantaged children so they can attend school and have lunches.

While he is here, Father sometimes shops at Goodwill. Father likes to bring gifts, which he takes on his trips home. For example, recently he found a laptop for \$100, which was a well-received gift! Gift suggestions: clothes, shoes, used laptops.

Interesting notes: In his home country, Mass lasts 3 hours, which includes a long homily and lots of singing! Life expectancy is about 55-60 years. Most kids attend boarding school. The school Father Simeon attended was 80 miles from his home. His high school seminary. Not good food. No snacks. No parents visiting.

Northern Nigeria is mostly Muslim. Southern Nigeria is Christian. His family live in the middle of the country. In late April just recently, in Northern Nigeria, 19 people and 2 priests were killed by the group Boko Haram during a weekday Mass.

Father Simeon was first assigned to Germany. He had to learn that language. Was there about 3 years before coming to our Jefferson City diocese. There never seem to be enough priests, in his homeland, nor here.

Welcome. Salad Supper and Meeting. Joyce Amick.

After May Crowning in Chapel, ladies then proceeded to Father Ahrens Room for salad supper and meeting. Many wonderful salads and desserts!

Welcome, everyone, especially newcomers, to our salad supper and business meeting.
Special welcome to and introducing: Sallie Keeney, new Sale A Rama Chairperson!

And LaVerne Brondel, parish council representative. And Pam Wheeler, who recently moved back to Jefferson City, from Arizona.

27 members attended this evening's meeting. Father Simeon led the before-meal prayer, and said a blessing for Ladies Sodality members.

Minutes. Cheryl Buechter, Secretary.

Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were distributed.

Treasury Report. Georgena Hayes, Treasurer.

Treasury Report was distributed. Georgena says "hello". She is unable to attend this evening's meeting. She is feeling lots better than she was a few days ago!

Rose Thoenen. National Catholic Educational Association Award.

Congratulations Rose, on your "Lead. Learn. Proclaim" award! This is her 38th year of service at St. Peter School. She has taught 4th grade, junior high, physical education, has been athletic director, and is currently technology coordinator. Ladies Sodality members signed a congratulatory card and will give to her.

June 30. Mass and Parish Potluck. Dedicating Newly-Remodeled Cafeteria.

June 29 is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The next day, Saturday, June 30, Bishop Shawn McKnight will preside at the 5:15 Mass. Afterwards our parish will sponsor a potluck dinner in the newly-remodeled cafeteria. Meat entrees will be provided. Parishioners can bring salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

A sign-up sheet was passed around. Food and volunteer helpers are needed.

Note: later May update. Dinner will be held in Selinger Center. Remodeled cafeteria will be open for tours.

Betty Schrimpf Honored at JC Art Club.

Jefferson City Art Club publicity and promotions member, Jimmy Mustion, recently introduced 6 of his favorite volunteers.

Our own Betty Schrimpf was honored! She has weathered life's storms. She volunteers for something most every day. Transports shut-ins and disabled people to Mass and church services, takes Communion to persons at their home or in the hospital, volunteers at the hospital, helps to clean graveyards and placing memorials. These are a few of her contributions to the community, which were noted in a recent newspaper article.

Here at St. Peter Church, Betty is an active member of St. Vincent DePaul, Senior Citizens, Ladies Sodality, Mass Coordinator and Eucharistic Minister.

Thank you, Betty!

2021, St. Peter Parish 175th Centennial Year Celebration!

Parish Council President, Darin Rinehart, recently called Joyce Amick. In about 3 years, our parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary as a parish. Beginning to plan for parish celebration.

Our parish was first established in 1846.

Senior Citizens. Betty Schrimpf.

Senior Citizens group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

May 9th will host May Crowning, with living rosary led by 3rd graders!

Feed the Hungry Day. St. Vincent DePaul. Betty Schrimpf.

Last year Pope Francis designated the Sunday before Thanksgiving as Feed the Hungry Day. Our parish, headed by the St. Vincent DePaul group, hosted a supper, inviting members of the parish, homeless persons, anyone wanting to share a meal. The 2018 event is in the early-planning stages. The date will later be decided, depending upon designation by Pope Francis.

Council of Clubs. Evelyn Borgmeyer.

At a recent meeting, Jeremy Amick, was featured guest speaker. He spoke about Don Pittman, his career in the Air Force. Pittman was a member of St. Peter Parish, a graduate of St. Peter High School. Amick is currently writing a book on Pittman.

May 16. Yellow Rose Luncheon.

October 25. Fashion Show.

Council of Clubs is a group of Jefferson City clubs. Member clubs send representatives to the 3rd Monday afternoon meetings. The organizations exchange details about their respective projects and events, while also learning about community needs and programs from speakers.

Quilt Blocks. Esther Kempker.

A set of 12 quilt blocks, embroidered with pink hearts and flowers, was donated by a parishioner (but she is not an active church-goer). Volunteer needed to choose coordinating fabric and sew the quilt blocks. Will be reimbursed for fabric. Quilt might be used for raffle in 2019.

Mary's Meals. Gloria Johnson. Michelle Keller.

Michelle Keller is coordinating with St. Peter School, fund-raising for Mary's Meals, which provides one meal to hungry children every school day, encouraging education, that can lift them out of poverty in later life.

A fund-raising concert will be held at Summit, Canterbury Winery, in May.

Note: May 6, I emailed Michelle Keller. She replied:

I'm actually just returning from Africa.

I literally got back last night at 11:00 (Monday evening).

I visited 6 Mary's Meals schools.

I am happy to come speak about Mary's Meals at the Social Concerns meeting if you would like.

\$19.50. That helps a child for a year to receive a meal at school every day.

93% of the proceeds go directly to the feeding of children.

Cantorum Concert. Mrya Roskopf-Wolfe.

May 5, at the Miller Center, 7:00 p.m. If you like music and songs about travels, please attend this Musical concert!

Quilters Luncheons. Joyce Amick.

Quilters are invited to attend these quilting sessions. Lunch will be provided.

June 5, Tuesday. Card Party quilt.

June 13 (date tentative). Sale A Rama quilt.

Serving in the Armed Forces.

Please pray for all those who serve our country. Rita Garcia especially requests prayers for her son, John Kirkpatrick, Special Forces in the Middle East.

Name. Basement Cafeteria. Cheryl Buechter.

April 29 church bulletin included summary Parish Council minutes.

Proposals for a name for the newly-remodeled space were considered. The most-likely candidate is the Father Kevin Gormley Hospitality Center.

Personally, I would like to see our newly-remodeled cafeteria named after Jesus, Mary, or a Saint. Today I am proposing: **Our Lady of Guadalupe Hospitality Center.**

She is Patroness of all the Americas. Our Lady is Patroness of Ladies Sodality.

Some of the members of Ladies Sodality who were present at this evening's meeting, signed a sheet of paper, recommending "Guadalupe Hospitality Center".

Another name suggested is the "Saint Martha Hospitality Center."

I will take this signed sheet to Father Charlie, with this suggestion.

If Guadalupe Hospitality Center is chosen as the name of the cafeteria, Cheryl and Vic Buechter will donate a picture of Our Lady for the remodeled room.

Notes from Tour of Basement Cafeteria. May 1.

Remodeled Selinger Basement Cafeteria, Kitchen, Extra Meeting Room.

Remodel for Selinger Center basement cafeteria is expected to be completed in May or June!

Michelle Truesdale, Joyce Amick, Gloria Johnson, Sallie Keeney, Cheryl Buechter were present for the tour, guided by Jack Kramer, who also showed us the floor plan.

Seating comfortably for 186, or 212, or with tables closer together 236.

Michelle would like to purchase 26 or 27 tables for the cafeteria. Some 5 foot, some 4 foot tables. Maybe some round tables. Jack recommends 28 (8 foot) tables and 4 (5 foot) tables. Jack has sample table configurations, with tables beginning behind the first column.

Upon entering, there is a large room for tables and chairs storage.

Kitchen:

A big center island will have griddles (used for pancake breakfasts) and huge bowls (for making chili, or Lions Club ham and beans. The island area will have huge exhaust fans above, mandated by Jefferson City code.

Stand-up stacking warmers will be located by the windows.

Refrigerator / Freezer combo, similar to what is in Selinger upstairs kitchen.

No built-in cabinets. We will re-use the stainless steel cabinets / countertops which were originally there in the cafeteria. 2 or 3 of those cabinets.

Refreshment area. 300 cup coffee pot. Ice machine. Small sink. Refrigerator. Cabinet storage space beneath the countertop.

Ladies Sodality / Funeral Dinner. Lockable closet. Shelves will be installed soon.

Electrical panels and water heater are in a closet next to Ladies Sodality closet.

New bathrooms. Finished!

Meeting room in back of the cafeteria area is nearing completion. Storage cabinets can be installed here.

Poured floor.

The main entrance to basement cafeteria (in the alley-way) is handi-cap accessible. As before, there is a door and steps to Selinger Center.

Programmable door locks. Key to cafeteria. Key to the kitchen.

We are so excited about these renovations!

2018 up-coming meetings, events.

September 9. Sunday	Mass 7:30 a.m. Church Breakfast, business meeting, Fr. Ahrens Room
October 3. Wednesday	Card Party. Selinger Center
November 4. Sunday	Sale A Rama. Selinger Center
December 5. Wednesday	Potluck Christmas Dinner and business meeting 6:30 p.m., Fr. Ahrens Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Buechter, Ladies Sodality Secretary

note: On May 18, 2018, a copy of Ladies Sodality meeting minutes was e-mailed to Denise Mueller, St. Peter Receptionist, for inclusion with parish records, as per August 2011 church bulletin announcement, which stated that it is recommended that organization reports be submitted, to inform parishioners of church activities, for possible publishing in the church bulletin, following pastor approval. I am also requesting that Beverly post these minutes on Ladies Sodality, parish web site.